around 12,200 posts have been identified for abolition/already abolished. Recommendations of ERC on Food Subsidy as far it relates to modification of economic cost of wheat and rice has been implemented.

(d) No, Sir.

(c) Docs not arise.

Meeting on cross-border drug traffic

2437. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a US sponsored two day international narcotics strategy meeting in Ankara held in February this year, India joined issue with Pakistan on cross border drug traffic mainly on the possible movement of 350 tonnes of heroin from Afghanistan; and

(b) if so, the stands taken by India and Pakistan on the issue and decisions taken to prevent the smuggling and otherwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a). Customs

exemption on life saving drugs

2438. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to.state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Finance is looking into customs exemption issue on life saving drugs; and

(b) if so, the names of the national and multi-national companies who are flouting rules of excise and customs and the details of amount pending against them as customs and excise duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.